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RE: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/442,542; "Sustained DNA Delivery from Structural Matrices"; Shea, Bonadio, Mooney and Peters; UM 1522P1

Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced patent application is:

- (1) An Amendment; and Response to fifth and final Office Action dated July 09, 2004;
- (2) A Request for an Extension of Time of one month to and including November 09, 2004;
- (3) A check for \$55.00 as the fee for the extension of time; and
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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE; EXAMINING GROUP 1636

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Shea, Bonadio, Peters and Mooney

Serial No.: 09/442,542

Filed: November 18, 1999

For: SUSTAINED DNA DELIVERY FROM

STRUCTURAL MATRICES

Group Art Unit: 1636

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AMENDMENT; AND RESPONSE TO FIFTH AND FINAL OFFICIAL ACTION DATED JULY 09, 2004

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Sir:

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments. A response to the fifth and Final Official Action dated July 09, 2004 ("the fifth Action") is also submitted, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the remarks therein. The response is timely filed with the required extension and appropriate fee. The amendments are entitled to entry after final rejection and the response places the application in condition for allowance. Re-examination and reconsideration is therefore respectfully requested on this basis.